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Subject: Multi-county conference focuses on solid waste

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OCALA — Officials from seven Central Florida counties met in the Marion County Library Headquarters on Thursday to kick off discussion of possible creation of a regional solid waste authority.

Marion County officials hosted the meeting, which included county administrators and managers, county commissioners and solid waste directors from Lake, Sumter, Alachua, Levy, Citrus and Hernando counties.

No official decisions were made during the meeting, which allowed officials to discuss issues within their respective solid waste systems and also to see potential solutions that could come from partnerships with neighboring counties.

"The discussion is to see what opportunities exist," said Heather Danenhowe, public information manager for Marion County. "There may be none, but there may be opportunities for synergy."

Representatives from each county gave a brief description of their respective waste systems — how they handle garbage and recycling, and also how much garbage they receive by weight. They were able to see which of their neighbors are close to exceeding capacity and which are looking to bring in more trash to run more efficiently.

Trash is something that is weighing on the minds of Marion County representatives, in particular, as their own landfill is slated to be full in six years.

Danenhowe noted that resolving this issue is one of the county's priorities.

Stan McClain, a Marion County commissioner who represents The Villages of Marion and Summerfield residents, agreed.

"Our big issue is landfill space," McClain said. He noted the options are limited to shipping waste out of the region, which is costly. "If you find some partners to bear some of the burden, I think that's what this is all about."

Lake County Commissioner Welton Cadwell described the meeting as productive.

"It's been something we've been needing to do," Cadwell said with regard to looking to neighbors for ideas regarding potential short- and long-term solutions.

Overall, McClain said, he thought the meeting was successful.

"It was a great meeting. We got a lot of good feedback from the counties invited," he said.

The group is planning to meet again in early December to further discuss the potential of forming a regional authority, and also to discuss the issue of current per-household cost.

- Long-term contract with New Rivers
- Class 3 Landfill
- Tipping fee covers operational costs

3. **Alachua County**

- 3 Tier System
- Interlocal agreement with the City of Gainesville
- MSTU for curbside collection
- Subscription service for those residents outside the MSTU (7 year contract)
- 6 Collection centers – strong, aggressive curbside recycling program (35%)
- Transfer station – 1000 tons day – direct hauled to New Rivers
- Aggressively pursuing new technologies with the University of Florida to find new ways to recycle.

4. **Lake County**

- Comprehensive system with a full range of services
- Incinerator
- Running an extreme shortfall to operate the facility
- Finished 2 new landfills – one ash and one MSW
- Neither new landfill has received garbage
- Inefficient operation
- Operating its own recycling center
- Mandatory collection
- No formal relationship with the 14 municipalities
- Annual assessment of \$184 – should be \$254 to cover the general fund money being used to subsidize
- All debt will have been paid by the end of 2014

5. **Hernando County**

- Annual assessment of \$63.05 to fund landfill, recycling program and maintenance
- 2 convenience centers for use by residents
- 285,000 visitors to the centers annually – 8,400 visits were made by 69 individuals
- 56 recycling drop-off facilities
- In the process of soliciting proposals to privatize the recycling
- New cell at landfill opening this summer
- Some solid waste is being taken to the Pasco County incinerator and the Sumter County landfill
- Mandatory collection for mostly Springhill
- ½ of the cost of curbside recycling is paid by the County
- 6,000 tons per year is recycled

- Landfill capacity – 363 acres which will hold up to 5 cells – another 120 acres can possibly be purchased from Florida Rock

6. Citrus County

- 80 acre landfill site
- Have extended the life of the landfill to 10 years
- Starting looking at constructing a transfer station – site is already permitted – put on hold until discussion regarding regionalization took place
- No mandatory collection
- Private haulers take care of curbside collection
- \$25 per year assessment
- Commercial assessment
- 2 municipalities that bring waste to the landfill

7. Sumter County

- No assessment
- Transfer station covers all costs
- 2nd transfer station that is privately owned and operated
- Villages control garbage collection and disposal per the Development Order
- Curbside collection
- Do not see much hope of regionalization due to the amount of private industry
- Application pending for Class 1 landfill
- 5 municipalities with curbside collection
- If a landfill goes in the transfer station will be made dormant

➤ What to do before next meeting:

1. Have staff provide a total cost of Solid Waste Management per resident per year.
2. Let the Legislative Delegation know what is being done and advocate collectively to get the laws changed.
3. Reach out to FAC to see what they can do to assist.
4. Find out if special legislation is needed to establish an authority.
5. Find out how to set up an authority – financially, legally, etc.

➤ When to meet again:

Meet again the week of December 7, 2009.

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Subject: Notes from 10/29/09 Meeting

Attachments: Highlights 10-29-09 - Regionalization of Solid Waste.doc



Highlights 10-29-09
- Regional...

Dear Sirs:

Attached are notes from the meeting that took place yesterday regarding Regionalization of Solid Waste Disposal.

Please review and let me know if there are any errors or if I have left off any pertinent information. I will be happy to make any corrections or changes that you desire.

Also, please let me know the availability of those in your county that will be attending the next meeting for the week of December 7, 2009. Although there was no specific discussion regarding time, I would assume the time will be the same as yesterday, 11:00 a.m. with lunch being served. If that is not correct, please let me know. When I receive everyone's availability I will email again with the date that is convenient for the most attendees.

Thank you in advance for your assistance. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Next Meeting - Week of December 7, 2009

Good Afternoon:

Based on the emails I have received so far, the December 8 date will not work for the next meeting.

Please let me know your availability for a meeting on Friday, December 11, 2009, at 11:00 a.m.

Hopefully, this date will work for everyone. Thank you all for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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